(a) The budget allocation for the 3 Defence Services during the last five years have been as given below :

(Rs. in Crores)

| | Army | Navy | Air Force |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1990-91 (Actuals) . | 8680 | 1963 | 3712 |
| 1991-92 (Actuals) . | 9103 | 2090 | 4057 |
| 1992-93 (Actuals) . | 9366 | 2021 | 5176 |
| 1993-94 (RE) . . | 11458 | 2644 | 5948 |
| 1994-95 (BE) . . | 12316 | 2738 | 6393 |

(b) It may be seen from the above statement that there have been no reductions in the allocations made for the 3 Services, except for a marginal reduction for the Navy during 1992-93. While the Revised estimates of the Army and the Air Force for 1993-94, have been 122.34% and 114.91% of the actuals of 1992-93 respectively, the RE of the Navy for the same period has been increased by 130.83% to compensate for the slight fall in the previous year.

(c) Necessarily, prioritisation is carried out to meet the Services essential requirements within the available resources. The requirements of the Navy have also been kept in view while finalising the allocations.

**Expeditious Disposal of Cases by Cat**

*229. SHRI O. I. KOHLI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the steps Government propose to take to reduce litigations on service matters;

(b) whether it takes much longer time in deciding the cases by the Central Administrative Tribunal due to prolonged and frequent adjournments;

(c) if so, the steps taken to evolve methods to expedite the disposal of the cases so as to ensure that no case takes more than 6 months to decide; and

(d) what is the definition of 'trivial matters' ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The Government constantly reviews rules, orders, instructions etc. keeping in view, among other things the need to bring down litigation on service matters. It is also impressed upon all Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India to strictly adhere to and properly implement the prescribed policies, rules, orders etc. so that the litigation is reduced to a minimum.

(b) No comparative study has been undertaken to compare the time taken in disposal of cases by other courts vis-a-vis Central Administrative Tirbunal. During the last 5 years the disposal of cases by CAT has been steadily on the increase. Government has issued instructions to all Departments to properly and effectively defend their cases in the Tribunal. Adjournments are granted by the Tribunal in their judicial capacity.

(c) Steps are taken by Government to make selections and appointments for all the likely vacancies of Vice-Chairmen and Members in the Tribunal so that the successor incumbent takes over as soon as a post falls vacant on demitting office by the previous incumbent. Central Administrative Tribunal also takes necessary steps in their judicial capacity to see that cases are disposed of expeditiously.

(d) 'Trivial matters' is not defined in the rules but will have the same meaning as in common parlance.

**Espionage in ISRO**

*230. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports published in the 'Hindustan Times' of November, 24 and 'Pioneer' of December 2, 1994 relating to the arrest of Scientists of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and others for espionage;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) what are the names of senior Scientists of ISRO and certain other persons allegedly involved in the leakage and transfer of vital information about the country's space programme and other confidential data and to whom such information has been passed on;

(d) what are the facts and details of documents leaked/transferred;

(e) what is the number of espionage cases in the Defence and Nuclear installations which were detected during each of the last five years and what are the details of each of such case;

(f) what action Government have taken against the persons found involved/guilty; and

(g) what steps have been taken for the safety and security of secret documents relating to ISRO and other Defence and Nuclear installations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE : (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) During investigations of a case in Thiruvananthapuram under Foreigners Orders 1948 read with Foreigners Act 1946 against a foreign national for overstaying in India, the Police authorities discovered evidence indicating some links between the said foreign national and a Scientist of Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, one of the Centres of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). It was suspected that certain classified documents of ISRO had been leaked out to the foreigner. Therefore, a case was registered under Section 3 & 4 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923 read with Section 34 of Indian Penal Code (IPC). Following the registration of this case, six persons including 2 Scientists of ISRO 2 foreigners and 2 businessmen were arrested. The matter has since been entrusted by Government of India to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on the request of Government of Kerala and cases have been registered by the CBI under RC-10(S)/94-SIU(V)/SIC-II New Delhi under Section 7 of Foreigners Orders 1948 read with Section 14 of Foreigners Act 1946 and RC 11 (S)/94-SIU-V/SIC. II under Sections 3, 4 & 5 of Official Secrets Act 1923 read with Section 34 of IPC. The matter is under investigation.

The names of the accused are Ms. Fauzia Hassan and Ms. Mariyam Rasheeda, foreign nationals, Shri D. Sasikumaran and Shri S. Nambinarayanan, ISRO Scientists; Shri K. Chandrasekharan and Shri S. K. Sharma both businessmen.

(e) The information is being collected.

(f) The case is under investigation. The two Scientists of ISRO have been placed under deemed suspension. All the accused are in custody.

(g) Security instructions issued by Government are adopted for the safety and security of secret documents in ISRO and Defence and Nuclear installations. Review of the existing mechanisms for security in the different Centres and Units of Department of Space/ISRO has been initiated to strengthen the security measures.

**Solar Energy**

*231. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken to encourage "Solar Power" in the States, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether any incentive programmes have been drawn to popularise the "Solar Energy System"; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider the starting of schemes in States to popularise the system as such ?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Government is implementing socially oriented and market oriented schemes to encourage the use of stand alone (non grid-interactive) solar photovoltaic (SPV) devices/systems for solar power generation in the country, including in the State of Tamil Nadu. It has also taken up a few grid-interactive SPV power plant demonstration projects and also proposes to take up a 35 MW Solar Thermal power plant demonstration project near Jodhpur in Rajasthan.